

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hans-Jürgen HANNIG

Application No.: 10/562,491

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For: PANEL COMPRISING A LOCKING SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

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Honorable Commissioner:

Responsive to the Notification of Defective Response dated 17 July 2006, please consider the following.

REMARKS

The examining officer noted that the text in the drawings had not been translated into English. Applicant respectfully points out that there is no text in the drawings. The examining office has apparently mistaken the label added to the published figures under PCT Rule 26 as a feature of the drawings. This is not correct. The label is exactly the same as the "Replacement Drawing" or "New Drawing" labels used in U.S. practice, which, of course, is not a feature of the drawing. It is therefore believed that the response filed on 04/27/2006 satisfied all the requirements.

Notwithstanding the above remarks, Applicant submits herewith six (6) pages of drawings that do not have the label. As it is believed that these drawings are not required, it is further believed that no additional processing fee is required.